

and mass layoffs, and the number of workers affected. The data are summarized by geographic area and industry.

The Mass Layoff Statistics (MLS) program uses a standardized, automated approach to identify, describe, and track the impact of major job cutbacks. The program utilizes, to the greatest degree possible, existing Unemployment Insurance (UI) records and computerized data files, supplemented by direct employer contact. Its major features include:

- The identification of major layoffs and closings through initial UI claims filed against the identified employer;
- The use of existing files on claimants to obtain basic demographic and economic characteristics on the individual;
- The telephone contact of those employers meeting mass layoff criteria to obtain specific information on the nature of the layoff and characteristics of the establishment;
- The identification of the continuing impact of the mass layoff on individuals by matching affected initial claimants with persons in claims status; and,
- The measurement of the incidence of the exhaustion of regular state UI benefits by affected workers.

In the program, State Employment Security Agencies (SESAs) submit seven comprehensive reports each quarter, and a preliminary, summary report each month. These computerized reports contain information from State administrative files and information obtained from those employers meeting the program criteria of a mass layoff.

Congress has provided for the implementation of the MLS program by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) through the Fiscal Years 1984–1992 appropriations for the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and related agencies. The program was not operational in Fiscal Years 1993 and 1994. Program operation resumed in Fiscal Year 1995 with funds provided by the Employment and Training Administration (ETA).

At the present time, all states (including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico) are participating in the program.

## II. Current Actions

The information collected and compiled in the MLS program is used to satisfy legislative reporting requirements mandated by Section 309(2)(a)(1)(A)(iii) of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), enacted on August 7, 1998. That section requires the Secretary of Labor to oversee the development, maintenance, and

continuous improvement of a nationwide employment statistics systems that includes the incidence of, industrial and geographical location of, and number of workers displaced by, permanent layoffs and plant closings.

In addition to the BLS uses of MLS data, such data are used by Congress, the Executive Branch, the business, labor, and academic communities, SESAs, and the U.S. Department of Labor for both macro- and microeconomic analysis, including specific labor market studies geared towards manpower assistance and development. Congress used these data in conjunction with the findings from a supplemental study of layoff actions in the development of the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN) Act, which was enacted in August 1988. Furthermore, the ETA uses MLS microdata in the evaluation of dislocated worker programs to assess the effectiveness of those activities and services.

A Congressionally mandated use of mass layoff data includes the WIA, which replaces Title III of the JTPA. Section 133 of the WIA encourages the use of MLS data in substate allocations relating the dislocated worker employment and training activities.

State agencies use of the MLS data in various ways, including the identification of geographic areas in need of special manpower services; ailing or troubled industries; specific employers needing assistance; outreach activities for the unemployed; and workers in need of temporary health care services.

There is no other comprehensive source of statistics on either establishments or workers affected by mass layoffs and plant closings; therefore, none of the aforementioned data requirements could be fulfilled if this data collection did not occur.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Agency:* Bureau of Labor Statistics.

*Title:* Mass Layoff Statistics Program.

*OMB Number:* 1220–0090.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Farms; Federal Government; State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Total Respondents:* 15,652.

*Frequency:* SESAs report quarterly and annually. Affected employers report on occasion.

*Total Responses:* 16,432.

*Average Time Per Response:* 60 minutes for SESAs and 30 minutes for employers.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 73,570 hours.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* \$0.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):* \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, D.C., this 23rd day of April 1999.

**W. Stuart Rust, Jr.,**

*Chief, Division of Management Systems,  
Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Bureau of Labor Statistics

#### Proposed Collection, Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed reinstatement, with change, of the “National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 79.” A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before June 28, 1999. The Bureau of Labor Statistics is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the

proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Karin G. Kruz, BLS Clearance Officer, Division of Management Systems, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Room 3255, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20212. Ms. Kruz can be reached on 202-606-7628 (this is not a toll free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

Conducted since 1979, the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 79 (NLSY79) consists of a nationally representative sample of individuals who were ages 14 to 21 in 1979. The cohort members were interviewed annually from 1979 to 1994. After the 1994 interview, the survey was moved to a biennial cycle.

The data collected in the NLSY79 will contribute to the knowledge about labor market processes involved in transitions between jobs, job searches, and hierarchies within jobs. Survey data will contribute to the knowledge about individuals' ability to succeed in the job market and how levels of success relate to educational attainment, vocational training, prior occupational experiences, and general and job-specific experiences.

The NLSY79 research contributes to the formation of national policy in the areas of education, training and employment programs, and unemployment compensation. In addition, members of the academic community publish articles and reports based on these NLSY79 data for the

Department of Labor (DOL) and other funding agencies. The DOL uses the changes measured in the labor market to design programs that would ease employment and unemployment problems. The survey design provides data gathered over time to form the only data set that contains this information. Without the collection of these data, an accurate longitudinal data set could not be provided to researchers and policy-makers, and the DOL could not perform its policy- and report-making activities, as described above.

**II. Current Actions**

This proposed collection covers wave 19 of this longitudinal study of individuals who were age 14 through 21 on December 31, 1978. The DOL will interview these youths in the year 2000 to study how young adults make the transition from full-time schooling through the establishment of their families and careers, and into the prime earning years that precede retirement. The longitudinal focus of this survey requires the collection of information on the same individuals over many years in order to trace their education, training, work experience, fertility, income and program participation. This detail makes the NLSY79 a unique national resource, unmatched by existing programs. Participation in the survey by other government agencies is encouraged as the omnibus nature of the survey makes it an efficient, low-cost data set. Recent rounds of the survey increasingly incorporate items needed for program and policy purposes by agencies other than the DOL.

Information about the aptitudes of the children of the female respondents in the youth data set will be collected. For the most part, this is a repetition of instruments already administered biennially to these children in 1986. This will permit medical and social science researchers to uniquely consider a large number of basic research issues relating to the associations between family background, federal program activities, infant and maternal health and outcomes from early childhood

through adolescence. Thus, while the principal focus of the survey remains the collection of data for labor force analysis, the questionnaires administered to these children include items needed by other agencies that are not always directly related to employment and training studies. However, as these children reach adolescence the focus of the surveys on these "young adults" returns to the school-to-work transition.

The specific objectives of the study are to:

- (1) Explore the early labor market activity and family formation of individuals in this age group;
- (2) Explore in greater depth than has until now been possible the complex economic, social, and psychological factors responsible for variation in the labor market experience of this cohort;
- (3) Analyze the impact of a changing socio-economic environment on the educational and labor market experiences of this cohort by comparing data from the present study with those yielded by the surveys of the earlier NLS cohorts of young men (1966) and young women (1968) as well as the NLS cohort of young men and women interviewed for the first time in 1997;
- (4) Consider how employment-related activities of women impact the subsequent cognitive and emotional development of their children; and
- (5) Meet the data collection and research needs of various government agencies that have been interested in the relationships between child and maternal health, other child outcomes, drug and alcohol use, juvenile deviant behavior and education, employment, and family experiences.

**Type of Review:** Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection.

**Agency:** Bureau of Labor Statistics.

**Title:** National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 79.

**OMB Number:** 1220-0109.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households.

**Frequency:** Biennially.

Form	Total number of respondents	Total annual responses	Average minutes per response	Total estimated annual burden hours
Pretest .....	50	50	60	50
Young Adults .....	8,300	8,300	60	8,300
Reinterview .....	1,250	1,250	6	125
Children of Female Respondents .....	6,390	6,390	52	5,538
Totals .....	15,990	15,990	.....	14,013

**Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):** \$0.

**Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance):** \$0.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or

included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they also will become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, D.C., this 23rd day of April 1999.

**W. Stuart Rust, Jr.,**

*Chief, Division of Management Systems,  
Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

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## NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

### Agency Information Collection

#### Activities: Submission to OMB for Revision to a Currently Approved Information Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** National Credit Union  
Administration (NCUA).

**ACTION:** Request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The NCUA intends to submit the following information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). This information collection is published to obtain comments from the public.

**DATES:** Comments will be accepted until June 28, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written comments to NCUA Clearance Officer or OMB Reviewer listed below:

*Clearance Officer:* Mr. James L. Baylen (703) 518-6411, National Credit Union Administration, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314-3428, Fax No. 703-518-6433, E-mail: jbaylen@ncua.gov.

*OMB Reviewer:* Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the information collection requests, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the NCUA Clearance Officer, James L. Baylen, (703) 518-6411.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Proposal for the following collection of information:

*OMB Number:* 3133-0141.

*Form Number:* N/A

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Title:* 12 CFR 701.22. Organization and Operation of Credit Unions.

*Description:* NCUA has authorized federal credit unions to engage in loan

participation, provided they establish written policies and enter into a written loan participation agreement. NCUA believes written policies are necessary to ensure a plan is fully considered before being adopted by the Board.

*Respondents:* All Federal Credit Unions.

*Estimated No. of Respondents/*

*Recordkeepers:* 1,000.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per*

*Response:* 4 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden*

*Hours:* 4,000.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:*

\$100,000.

By the National Credit Union  
Administration Board on April 22, 1999.

**Becky Baker,**

*Secretary of the Board.*

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## NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

### Agency Information Collection

#### Activities: Submission to OMB for Revision to a Currently Approved Information Collections; Comment Request.

**AGENCY:** National Credit Union  
Administration (NCUA).

**ACTION:** Request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The NCUA intends to submit the following information collections to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). These information collection are published to obtain comments from the public.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Proposal for the following collection of information:

*OMB Number:* 3133-0143.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Title:* 12 C.F.R. 760 Loans in Areas Having Special Flood Hazards.

*Description:* Federally insured credit unions are required by statute and by proposed 12 CFR Part 760 to file reports, make certain disclosures and keep records. Borrowers use this information to make valid purchase decisions. The NCUA uses the records to verify compliance.

*Respondents:* All federal credit unions.

*Estimated No. of Respondents/*  
*Recordkeepers:* 5,500.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per*  
*Response:* 7 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:*  
Recordkeeping and on occasion.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden*  
*Hours:* 101,333.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* N/A.

*OMB Number:* 3133-0121.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Title:* 12 C.F.R. 701.14 Notice of Change of Officials and Senior Executive Officers.

*Description:* The regulation directs newly chartered and troubled credit unions to provide NCUA with 30 days notice before making a management change.

*Respondents:* Troubled and newly chartered credit unions.

*Estimated No. of Respondents/*  
*Recordkeepers:* 534.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per*  
*Response:* 2 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* Reporting and on occasion.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden*  
*Hours:* 1,068.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* N/A.

*OMB Number:* 3133-0108.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Title:* 12 C.F.R. 748.2 Monitoring Bank Secrecy Act Compliance.

*Description:* The collection is needed to allow NCUA to determine whether credit unions have established a program reasonably designed to assure and monitor their compliance with currency recordkeeping and reporting requirements established by Federal statute and Department of the Treasury regulations.